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REMARKS

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1. Between 22 and 24 January 1952, German craftsmen reconditioned the castle of Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 62). There were no Soviet troops in the castle at that time.
2. On 1 February, the quarters pertaining to the outer installation of the former Ravensbrueck concentration camp on the north shore of Schwedt Lake were occupied to capacity. The radio stations previously observed in the area west of the entrance to the camp were no longer seen.

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3. [redacted] a 76.2-mm AT gun, passed through Fuerstenberg on 1 February, coming from the Hammelspring (N 54/U 81) training area and proceeding toward Droegen which is situated south of Fuerstenberg.

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4. Many officers and men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets were seen walking to and from the restricted area on the south shore of Roebbelin Lake on 1 February.

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5. On 7 February, the inner installation of the Ravensbrueck concentration camp was occupied by about 400 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few, black-bordered red epaulets. No training activity was noticed.

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6. On 7 February, the outer installation of the Ravensbrueck concentration camp quartered about 400 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few, black-bordered black epaulets. Two radio trucks were observed in the billeting area.

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7. About 150 troops, most of whom wore coveralls and a few, uniforms with black-bordered red epaulets, were seen in the tank repair shop on the premises of the Faserstoff Fabrik north of the road to [redacted]

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8. About 5 officers and 30 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets were stationed in the restricted area in the center of the city on 22 January. The area is bounded by Wallstrasse, Schwedtstrasse and Seelensee Strasse. Four antenna masts were noticed there. [redacted]

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9. Many Soviet officers, about 70 percent of them were majors or higher, were seen entering or leaving the restricted area on the south shore of Roebelin Lake on foot or by car on 22 January. The villas in the restricted area were estimated at 110. [redacted]

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[redacted] The information confirms previous conclusions regarding the identity of the Soviet units and headquarters in Fuerstenberg. [redacted] The present report for the first time states that the castle was being reconditioned. The AF guns mentioned in paragraph 3 [redacted] belong to [redacted] a headquarters unit of the Second Gds Secz Army.

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